

Julia,

I have looked at the draft document and will look through it again today. I'll then come back with comments. I think we need to consider what we want to achieve from the policy given that we are at an early stage and we don't yet have a scheme. The policy also has significant financial implications which are unfunded.

I agree that this document should focus on tenants only. I'm also not sure that we should offer a right of return as this proved to be highly controversial when I worked in Southwark as the Council had a policy to offer a right of return but the economics of each scheme meant that it was very hard to deliver it.

Regards,

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Thanks Darren

Will you instruct Barbara and Fidelis on the separate leaseholder document in your comments?

If we don't at least work towards options that offer a right of return we will be subject to a great deal of criticism, residents have already raised the fact that they like the community in which they live and we have already stated in press releases that we'll be supporting tenants and resident leaseholders in their right to return. You'll have seen all press releases and the FAQs that reference this.

Regards

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Hi Julia,

Yes, I think separate documents may work better, although with regard to leaseholders, we need to consider in more detail I think the leaseholder offer. For example, would we want to offer leaseholders, particularly older vulnerable households, sitting tenant value with an offer of rehousing in a rented home ?

This document would appear to be based on the K&C Decant Policy, which has a separate section for leaseholders.

The right to return also needs careful consideration. It implies that a resident will have to move twice, and incur relocation costs twice. It is difficult to deliver and there is often a significant wait before it can be offered. We will need to manage expectations carefully.

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